

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3, 11, 12, 17 and 18 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 7-19, 21, 24, and 27 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ENTRY OF RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116:

Applicants request entry of this Rule 116 Response and Request for Reconsideration because:

(a) it is believed that the amendments of claims 3,11,12, 17 and 18 put this application into condition for allowance;

(b) the amendments of claims 3,11,12, 17 and 18 should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or no new issues are being raised;

(c) the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of the claims and place the application at least into a better form for appeal. No new features or new issues are being raised.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures sets forth in §714.12 that "[a]ny amendment that would place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal may be entered." (Underlining added for emphasis) Moreover, §714.13 sets forth that "[t]he Proposed Amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified." The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures further articulates that the reason for any non-entry should be explained expressly in the Advisory Action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 2, claims 3, 11, 12, 13 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth therein. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

It was noted that claim 17 also includes the terminology "the ink composition."

Claims 3, 11, 12, 17 and 18 have been amended to delete the terminology "ink." Hence, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 3, 11,12, 17 and 18 are definite and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Since

claim 13 depends from amended claim 12, claim 13 is definite and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention for at least the reasons amended claim 12 is definite and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Thus, claims 3, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 18 are now submitted to be in allowable form.

ALLOWED CLAIMS:

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 4, claims 2, 7-10, 14-19, 21, 24 and 27 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her careful consideration and allowance of claims 2, 7-10, 14-19, 21, 24 and 27. Applicants' attorney notes that, apparently, the Examiner inadvertently included claim 18 in the allowed claims. Claim 18 was rejected as noted above, but has been amended and is now submitted to be in allowable form.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, this Amendment should be entered at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration by the Board.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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